Setting up of Bio-IT Park

2453. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are looking for setting up of world's first Bio-IT Park in the country in cooperation with the Ministry of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered a suitable location for establishing such a park;

(d) if so, whether Government have studied such a proposal; and

(e) the decision taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Department of Information Technology (DIT) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) have designed a project for Bio-IT Park to be set up in the form of a Public- Private partnership. The selected private promoter would decide the location of the Bio-IT Park from a short lsit of six locations *viz.* National Capital Region (NCR), Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Chennai.

Funds allocated for rural telephony in Chhattisgarh

†2454. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3754 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 2005 and state:

(a) the amount that has been allocated to the State of Chhattisgarh during the year 2003-04 out of Rs. 200 crores disbursed under Sarvabhomic Seva Dayitava Nidhi;

(b) the details of the number of villages of Chhattisgarh alongwith the amount of financial assistance provided for Multi Access Radio Relay (M.A.R.R.) rural public telephone operations, maintenance and changing

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.